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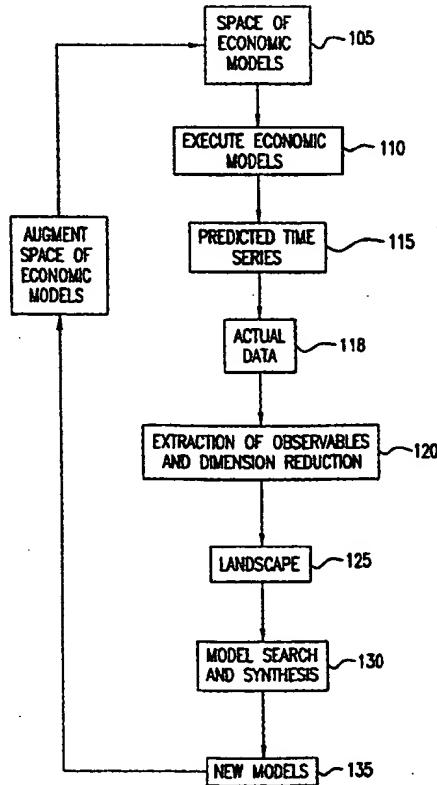
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(54) Title: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE ANALYSIS AND PREDICTION OF ECONOMIC MARKETS



(57) Abstract: The present invention presents a system and method of economic analysis and prediction which dynamically adapts to a changing economic environment by selecting or synthesizing an economic model from a set of economic models based on the selected model's ability to make accurate predictions about an actual economic market. Specifically, the method and system of the present invention forms a space of different economic models (105), forms a behavioral landscape by extracting observables from executions of the economic models (120), and performs model selection and composite model synthesis through optimization (130) over the behavioral landscape.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	ENGLE R.F. "Statistical Models for Financial Volatility", Financial Analysis Journal, January 1993, v49 n1, pages 72-78.	1-26
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A, E	US 6,049,783 A (SEGAL et al) 11 April 2000, see the abstract.	1-26
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PCT/US99/30640**Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)**

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION WAS LACKING

This ISA found multiple inventions as follows:

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be searched, the appropriate additional search fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-26, drawn to analyzing and predicting the economic markets using a plurality of economic models and generating a time series of them.

Group II, claim(s) 27-48, drawn to analyzing and predicting a securities market wherein the program models dealers, investors and various rules.

Group III, claim(s) 49-67, drawn to creating a portfolio of assets by generating smaller and smaller portfolio of assets to determine and search an optimal portfolio.

Group IV, claim(s) 68-74, drawn to optimizing a portfolio of assets by determining an optimal fitness landscape representation of portfolios.

Group V, claim(s) 75-89, drawn to creating a portfolio of assets utilizing anti-correlated families.

Group VI, claim(s) 90-100, drawn to modeling a portfolio utilizing gaussian statistics.

The inventions listed as Groups I-VI do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: each group is separate and distinct from each other.